

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 11-23, and 25-33 remain in this application. Claims 1-10 have been canceled. Claims 24 and 34 have been withdrawn as the result of an earlier restriction requirement.

Objection Regarding the Title of the Application

The Action asserts that the title of the invention is not descriptive. Applicant respectfully traverses, noting that the title of the application is “WING MIRROR UNIT,” and all of the pending claims are directed to a wing mirror unit or wing mirror assembly/wing mirror system. To the extent that the current title is still considered insufficient, Applicant respectfully requests clarification.

Claim Objections

Claims 21, 22 and 31 were objected to based on informalities. Applicant has amended the respective claims to address the Examiner’s concerns and clarify the claim language. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 11-14, 16, 19-23, 25-29, and 31-33 were rejected under 35. U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,940,230 (**Crandall**).

Applicant submits that the cited prior art does not disclose or suggest, among other things, a wing mirror unit/assembly/system for a vehicle in which both a main and auxiliary pivot are provided with respect to a supporting frame, and the main pivot is configured to move [via actuator] further from said vehicle than the auxiliary pivot. Independent claims 11, 25 and 32 have been amended to recite such a feature. Claims 12-14, 16, 19-23, 26-29, 32 and 33, all depend, directly or indirectly, from such independent claims, and therefore are also patentably distinguishable from the cited reference.

Withdrawal of the Section 102 rejections is therefore respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Dependent claims 15, 17-18, and 30 were rejected under 35. U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious in view of Crandall. In addition to the deficiencies specifically noted in the Action (i.e., the failure of Crandall to disclose that the actuator is electric, or that the actuator is linear), as noted above, nowhere does Crandall teach or in any way suggest providing main and auxiliary pivots in a wing mirror unit/assembly/system.

Withdrawal of the Section 103 rejections is therefore respectfully requested.

Conclusion

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. Moreover, because the arguments advanced herein may not be exhaustive, there may be additional reasons for patentability with respect to any or all of the pending claims that have not been expressed.

For all of the above reasons, Applicant submits the claims are now in proper form, and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, the Examiner is earnestly requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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